



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Haggerton
Community Affairs and Parks Committee

FROM: Rick Still, Parks and Recreation Director *RS*

DATE: October 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Real Property Donation

ISSUE

Land donation on South 128th Street and 37th Ave South

BACKGROUND

The City was approached by a family wishing to donate a parcel of land, approximately 16,250 square feet (0.37 acres), they no longer need. The land is currently heavily vegetated with several mature trees and an intersection point for two tributaries of the Riverton Creek merging into one (see attached maps).

DISCUSSION

The location of the land is along South 128th Street and 37th Avenue South and has potential to become a restored site and with improvements made to the Riverton Creek area. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan recommends that the City "Continue to seek opportunities for open space acquisition to increase land/trail connectivity, access to recreation areas and land conservation functions."

If the property was accepted by the City an initial vegetation management plan would need to be performed that could have some financial impacts but could be absorbed in the Parks Maintenance budget. The site would be categorized as a Service Level 4, "Open Space" in the Parks Maintenance Service Levels plan and therefore would require very minimal annual maintenance.

This item was discussed at the October 21, 2015 Parks Commission and the Commission supported staff's recommendation to proceed with the process of exploring the acceptance of this donation as park property with the intent of preserving green space in Tukwila.

Staff is seeking direction from the Committee whether to proceed with the process and to draft a resolution for acceptance for this real property donation or not. If the Committee authorizes staff to proceed with this, then when details are finalized staff will bring this back to the Committee at a future date with a draft resolution to work through the full council process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There would be some costs associated with receiving this real property donation and staff are estimating it to be approximately \$10,000. Potential costs include an appraisal, Phase One Environmental Assessment, survey and title report.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve staff to proceed with the process and bring this back to the Committee at a future date with a draft resolution for acceptance to work through the full council process.

ATTACHMENTS

Location Maps

Riverton Creek Map



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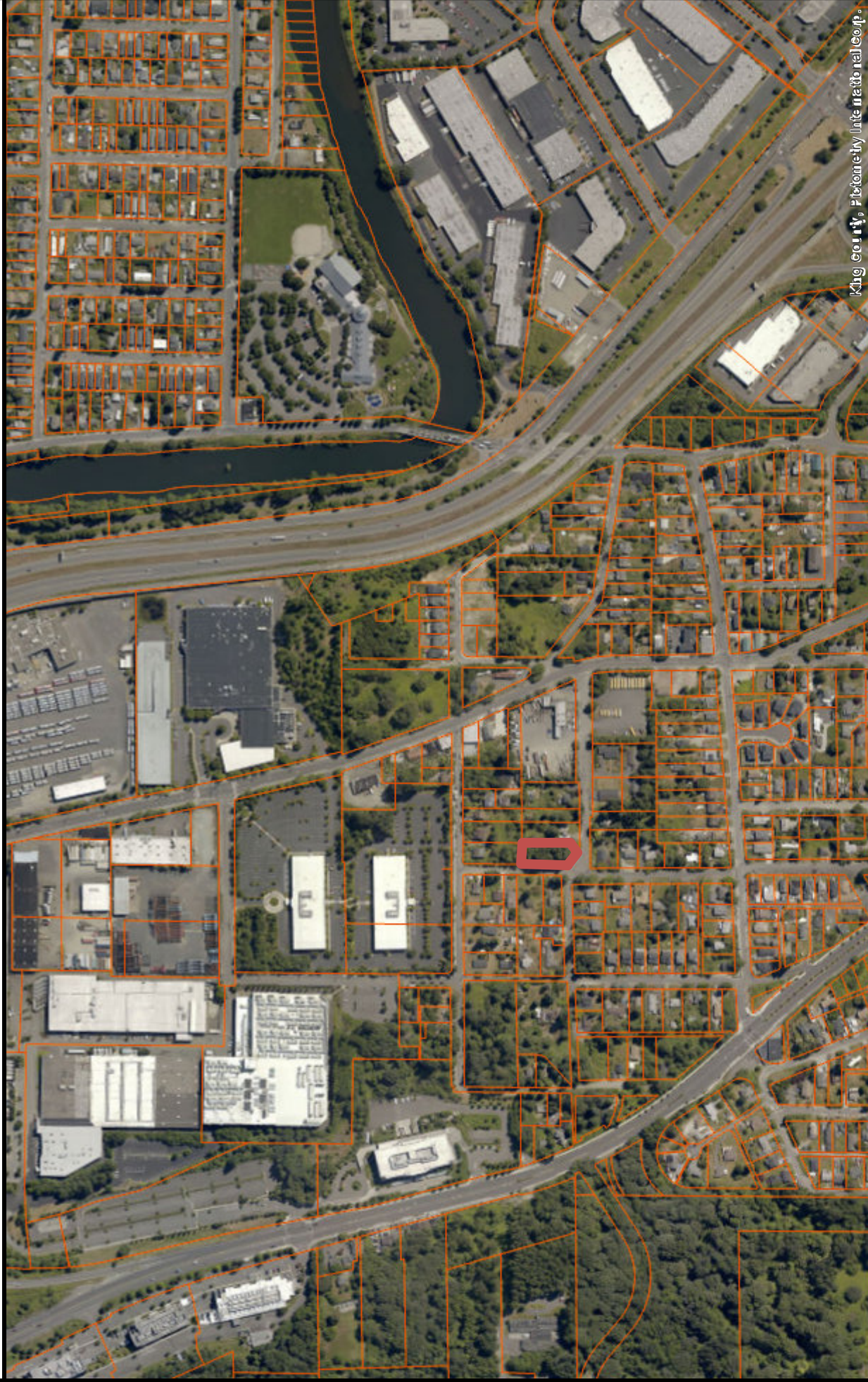
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